# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE CAUSED TO CROPS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that large scale damage is caused to property and crops due to floods in border districts of Uttar Pradesh by the rivers originating from Nepal;

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused to crops, property and livestock in these border districts during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to save these areas from the flood waters of the rivers originating from Nepal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) The details of damage caused to cropped area and houses and loss of livestock in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, in the wake of floods, is indicated below:

| Year | Cropped area Damaged (lakh ha.) | Houses damage (in lakhs) | Livestock lost (Nos.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1997-98 | 1.55 | 0.05 | 114 |
| 1998-99 | 14.15 | 3.85 | 3399 |
| 1999-2000 | 0.33 | 0.01 | 9 |

District-wise details are not maintained

(c) & (d) Floods, being a natural phenomenon, provision of absolute protection to all flood prone areas against all magnitudes of floods, of different probabilities of occurrence, is neither possible nor economically feasible. Flood management is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the Central Government makes available funds for flood control schemes in the Annual Plans to the State Governments through the Planning Commission.